

4 AAC 30.020 is amended to read:

4 AAC 30.020. Student teachers. (a) An institution of higher learning operating an “approved program” must require students enrolled in their program to serve as a student teacher or participate in a supervised clinical practice in a public school for a minimum of 15 weeks. [UPON REQUEST OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING OPERATING AN "APPROVED PROGRAM," THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE A STUDENT ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM TO SERVE AS A STUDENT TEACHER IN AN ALASKA PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED ONE SCHOOL YEAR.]

(b) A student who wants to serve as a student teacher in an Alaska public school shall apply for authorization on a form prescribed by the department and shall submit information requested by the department. The department will conduct a criminal history background check of the student under AS 14.20.020 and 4 AAC 12.300 as if the student was an applicant for a teacher certificate. The department will not authorize the student to serve as a student teacher if the student fails the check.

(c) An applicant shall not be authorized to serve as a student teacher unless they have passed the basic competency examination required under AS 14.20.020(i) and 4 AAC 12.310.

(d) [(C)] A student teacher authorized under this section must be under the general supervision of a teacher who holds a valid teaching certificate issued under 4 AAC 12, has been tenured in an Alaska school district under AS 14.20.150 and who meets or exceeds the standards described in 4 AAC 04.200 as verified by the district where the student teacher is serving. [CERTIFICATED UNDER 4 AAC 12].

(e) [(D)] If authorized by the student teacher's preparing institution and supervising teacher, a student teacher may be assigned, from time to time, to instruct, teach, counsel, test, or evaluate students without obtaining a teacher's certificate and without the supervising teacher's presence in the same room, classroom, or other location.

(f) [(E)] A student teacher shall abide by the code of ethics and professional teaching standards in 20 AAC 10.020.

(g) [(F)] In (a) of this section, "approved program" means **a program accepted under 4 AAC 12.307 or approved under 4 AAC 12.308.**

[(1) A PROGRAM THAT IS OFFERED BY A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED
TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTION THAT MEETS TEACHER EDUCATION
PROGRAM STANDARDS SET OUT IN

(A) STANDARDS FOR STATE APPROVAL OF TEACHER
EDUCATION, PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE
DIRECTORS OF TEACHER EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION, 1989
REVISED EDITION (INCLUDING CURRENT REVISIONS AS OF
OCTOBER 24, 1995); OR

(B) STANDARDS, PROCEDURES, AND POLICIES FOR THE
ACCREDITATION OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNITS, PUBLISHED
BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ACCREDITATION OF TEACHER
EDUCATION, FEBRUARY 1992 EDITION; OR

(2) A BOARD-APPROVED ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM THAT
SUBSTANTIALLY MEETS THE PROGRAM STANDARDS SET OUT IN (1)(A) OR
(1)(B) OF THIS SUBSECTION.]

**(h) In (c) of this section, "teacher" has the meaning given in 4 AAC 12.900(c)
and also includes pre-school teachers.** (Eff. 7/1/90, Register 114; am 6/24/95, Register
134; am 6/28/98, Register 146; am 9/29/2005, Register 175; am __/__/____,
Register____)

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